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ABSTRACT

A system and method for authenticating a terminal in a communication system

is described. The method includes executing a terminal authentication protocol,

whereby the executing the terminal authentication protocol includes authenticating an

identity of a network entity by a terminal in a communication system. The method

further includes executing a challenge authentication protocol, wherein the executing

the challenge authentication protocol includes sharing challenge data between the

terminal and the network entity, and forming at the terminal, test data by at least

applying one authentication function to the challenge data using the identifier. The

executing the challenge authentication protocol further includes transmitting a message

including terminal authentication data from the terminal to the network entity, and

determining, based on the terminal authentication data, whether to provide the terminal

with access to a service.